

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 801

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kathy Merrett on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Merrett of Clay County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the 2021 Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, a local business owner, Ms. Merrett voluntarily organized the Celina and Clay County Merchants Association to develop a plan for community activities and events; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Merrett has planned and organized a number of community events, including a fundraiser for the SADD Health and Safety Day, providing back-to-school supplies for children, the Moonshine Car Show, drawing tourists to the downtown area and raising funds for Merchants Association activities, the Roller Coaster Yard Sale, raising funds for the Merchants Association to carry out promotional activities, and the Trick or Treat Celina event, allowing parents to bring their children downtown to celebrate Halloween; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Merrett is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Kathy Merrett for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the 2021 Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.